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Harold Fred Duis, beloved husband of the late Alma Bryan Duis, of Arlington, Virginia, passed away on November 23, 2012 at his home in Arlington, Virginia, after a short illness. He was born December 8, 1915 on a farm near Odell, Nebraska, the thirteenth child in a family of fourteen – seven boys and seven girls.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1936 with a B.S. in Agriculture and a M.S. in Agriculture in 1951. He was a vocational agriculture teacher in Nebraska high schools (Barneston, Sutton, and Fairbury) from 1936 until 1950. He married Alma Bryan of Wymore, Nebraska, on November 25, 1938.

He served in ROTC in college and was called up after Pearl Harbor for service in the 17th Infantry, Seventh Division of the U.S. Army. He fought in the Pacific earning a Silver Star in Attu, an Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 4 Bronze Battle Stars, a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and four Overseas Service Bars. He rose to the rank of Major before the war ended.

In 1950 he became the Nebraska State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. In 1959 he left Lincoln to serve as a Program Specialist for Vocational Education in Health, Education and Welfare in Washington D.C. until his retirement in 1978.

He was an avid bridge player and gardener and volunteered at Hospice and the AARP Tax Preparation Service. He was a charter member of The Church of the Covenant, 2666 N. Military Road, Arlington, where a Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, November 29, at 2 pm. A reception will follow at 4pm at The Jefferson, 900 N. Taylor in Arlington.

Survivors include daughter, Deanne Alford and husband, Joe, of Gulf Breeze, Florida, Cheryl DeCarlo of Norman, Oklahoma, and son, Daniel Duis and wife, Scotti, of Leesburg. Eleven grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren also survive.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Fred Duis*

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“ *I will surely miss my weekly meetings with Harold during this past year. My father, Joseph, age 90, passed away the day after Harold died. When I would visit with Harold it was always an encounter that greatly reminded me of my father, and they had much in common, from their service in WWII to their vocations in agriculture and forestry. May your deep sorrow fade in time even as your memories continue to celebrate Harold's life.*

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